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TITO-GOMULKA MEETING

- I. In an atmosphere of genuine friendship, Tito and Gomulka began their conversations in Belgrade on 10 September.
- II. Polish, Yugoslav leaders probably hope to demonstrate their independent positions vis-a-vis the Kremlin.
 - A. German problem, Oder-Neisse question are probably high on agenda.
 1. Tito openly supported Polish claim to Oder-Neisse territories.
 - B. Greater collaboration between the two countries may be expected, especially in economic field.
- III. Yugoslavs expressed willingness to consult with top Polish leaders after Gomulka's rise to power in October 1956.
 - A. Both sides have held off to avoid aggravating Polish-Soviet relations. Now Tito-Khrushchev meeting in August and Molotov purge in June have produced more favorable atmosphere.
 - B. Soviets have been generally silent on meeting although last week Pravda printed a pointed attack national Communism and warned against accepting capitalist aid.
- IV. East German Communists are apprehensive about Gomulka-Tito meeting.
25X1C [REDACTED] they sent emissary to Warsaw early this month to try to persuade Cyrankiewicz to deter closer Polish collaboration with Tito.
 - A. Cyrankiewicz reportedly rebuffed German, said he fully supported Gomulka, that he (Cyrankiewicz) intended to "proceed further on road pointed out by Gomulka, road to Tito."

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